

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A ~~calculating method~~ for calculating a ~~of~~ licensing fee of digital contents comprising:

a step of distributing digital contents from a center side distribution apparatus to a terminal apparatus via a shop side distribution apparatus;

~~a step of collecting an audiovisual fee for digital contents with limited time from a user;~~

a step of allowing digital contents capable of being accessed at a limited place to be viewed and ~~listened~~ listened to during a limited time period;

a step of collecting an audiovisual fee according to the length of said limited time period;

a step of calculating an amount ~~the number of audiovisual times~~ of digital contents viewed and ~~listened~~ listened to at the terminal apparatus; and

a step of calculating a copyright fee in accordance with the calculated amount of digital contents viewed and listened to ~~number of audiovisual times~~.

2. (currently amended) A method for ~~calculating method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of making the terminal

apparatus recognize the contents of a portable recording medium storing an audiovisual period of viewing and listening digital contents at the terminal apparatus.

3. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of recording personal operation history information and personal preference information managed in the terminal apparatus in a portable recording medium.

4. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of recording personal operation history information and personal preference information managed in the terminal apparatus in the portable recording medium.

5. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

6. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

7. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 3, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

8. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 4, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

9. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and ~~listened~~ listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

10. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and ~~listened~~ listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

11. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 3, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and ~~listened~~ listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

12. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 4, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and ~~listened~~ listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

13. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 5, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and ~~listened~~ listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and ~~listening~~ listening to the digital contents.

14. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 6, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and

~~listened-listened to~~ at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and listening
listening to the digital contents.

15. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 7, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and ~~listened-listened to~~ at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and listening listening to the digital contents.

16. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 8, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and ~~listened-listened to~~ at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and listening listening to the digital contents.

17. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

18. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

19. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 3, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

20. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 4, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

21. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 5, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed,

a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

22. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 6, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

23. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 7, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

24. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 8, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

25. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 9, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

26. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 10, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

27. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 11, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

28. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 12, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be

printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

29. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 13, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

30. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 14, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

31. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 15, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

32. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents according to claim 16, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

33. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents ~~comprising~~ comprising: ~~a step of collecting an audiovisual fee of digital contents with limited time from a user;~~

~~a step of outputting the digital contents during the~~ a limited time, time period;
collecting an audiovisual fee according to the length of said limited time
period;

~~a step of calculating the number of audiovisual times~~ an amount of the digital contents, contents viewed and listened to; and

~~a step of calculating a copyright fee in accordance with the calculated number of audiovisual times~~ amount of the digital contents.

34. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents ~~comprising~~ comprising: ~~a step of~~

counting the number of pages displaying digital contents contents; and

~~a step of calculating a fee from~~ in accordance with the number of displayed pages.

35. (currently amended) A method for calculating ~~method of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents ~~comprising~~comprising a step of counting a display time during which digital contents are ~~displayed~~displayed and ~~a step of~~ calculating a fee in accordance with the display time; and increasing an amount of the digital contents if a predetermined set of parameters is exceeded.

36. (currently amended) A system for calculating ~~system of a~~ licensing fee of digital contents comprising:
means for distributing digital contents from a center side distribution apparatus to a terminal apparatus via a shop side distribution apparatus; ~~means for collecting an audiovisual fee for digital contents with limited time from a user;~~
means for allowing digital contents capable of being accessed at a limited place to be viewed and listened during a limited time period;
means for collecting an audiovisual fee according to said limited time period;
means for calculating the ~~an amount~~number of audiovisual times of digital contents viewed and ~~listened~~listened to at the terminal apparatus; and
means for calculating a copyright fee in accordance with the calculated amount of digital contents~~number of audiovisual times.~~

37. (currently amended) A computer readable recording medium storing a program for calculating licensing fee of digital contents, the program comprising the steps of:

~~a step of distributing digital contents from a center side distribution apparatus to a terminal apparatus via a shop side distribution apparatus; a step of collecting an audiovisual fee for digital contents with limited time from a user;~~

~~a step of allowing digital contents capable of being accessed at a limited place to be viewed and listened listened to during a limited time period;~~

~~collecting an audiovisual fee according to the length of said limited time period;~~

~~a step of calculating the an amount number of audiovisual times of digital contents viewed and listened listened to at the terminal apparatus; and~~

~~a step of calculating a copyright fee in accordance with the calculated amount of digital contents number of audiovisual times.~~